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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 6813

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PN  
SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF U.S. PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM BELL

1. TO HAVE TOLD THE PANAMANIAN OF THE SLIPPAGE IN THE DATE OF YOUR SECOND VISIT FROM DECEMBER 26 TO DECEMBER 27, JUST AFTER THEY HAD EMPHASIZED HOW IMPERATIVE YOUR VISIT IS, WOULD HAVE UNSETTLED THEM GREATLY. MOREOVER, I ASSUME THERE IS SOME CHANCE OF FURTHER SLIPPAGE, GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES IN YOUR NEW DUTIES, AND WE WOULD WANT TO AVOID REPEATING WHAT IS FOR THEM BAD NEWS.

2. MAY I SUGGEST THAT ONCE YOU ARE CERTAIN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE VISIT DECEMBER 27 YOU SEND THE FOREIGN MINISTER A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THAT EFFECT THROUGH OUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HERE. WERE IT POSSIBLE TO SEND THAT MESSAGE FROM GENEVA, THE PANAMANIAN WOULD BE MUCH IMPRESSED.

3. WE HAVE AGREED HERE THAT YOUR SECOND VISIT WOULD BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF (A) FORMALIZING THE WORKING-LEVEL AGREEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AT THE LEVEL OF CHIEF NEGOTIATORS, (B) DISCUSSING HOW THE JOINT DECLARATION MIGHT BE PHRASED, AND (C) DISCUSSING THE SCENARIO FOR THE FUTURE. (AND FROM OUR VIEWPOINT, OF COURSE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BE IN PANAMA WHEN THE UNILATERAL ACTIONS ARE ANNOUNCED.)

4. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ  
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I UNDERSTAND THAT ONCE THE SECOND VISIT, THE UNILATERAL ACTIONS,

AND THE EVENTS NOW PLANNED FOR AFTER THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY ARE FAITS  
ACCOMPLIS, YOU WOULD BE FREE TO COAST PERAONALLY ON THE PANAMA  
NEGOTIATIONS FOR SOME MONTHS. IN THAT PERIOD WORKING-  
LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE DOING PREPARATORY WORK IN PANAMA  
CITY AND WAHSINGTON FOR THE MORE DETAILED PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATION.  
I UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD WELCOME A BRIEF  
"NEGOTIATING" VISIT TO WASHINGTON, PERHAPS IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH.  
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